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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each non-U.S. patent document so listed is enclosed. Copies of U.S. patent documents are not enclosed, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a) as revised September, 2004 and pursuant to the waiver published at 1287 OG 163 (October, 2004).

Japan 4-353816
Japan 6-233074
Japan 7-281112
Japan 9-187990
Japan 2001-51216
Japan 2001-201704
Japan 2001-215426
Japan 2002-67382

These documents were cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of a Notification of Reason for Refusal from the Japanese Patent Office, which is dated July 25, 2006, together with an English language translation thereof, is enclosed. In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

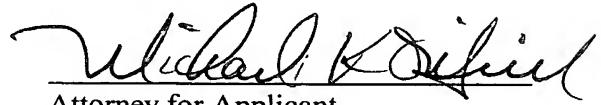
The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents cited above is provided in the English translation of the Japanese Notification and by the English language abstracts included with the cited art.

In addition, it is believed that U.S. Patent 6,429,956 is an English language counterpart of Japan 2001-201704, and that U.S. Patent 6,483,529 is an English language counterpart of Japan 2001-215426; those patents are also listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		6,429,956	8/6/02	Itabashi	359	204	
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		4-353816	12/8/92	Japan			Abstract
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		9-187990	7/22/97	Japan			Abstract
		2001-51216	2/23/01	Japan			Abstract
		2001-201704	7/27/01	Japan			Abstract
		2001-215426	8/19/94	Japan			Abstract
		2002-67382	3/5/02	Japan			Abstract

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